

## Mary Lou Terrien

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**From:** Karen Wight <kwight@umich.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 11:17 AM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Cc:** Karen Wight  
**Subject:** please PROTECT & PRESERVE our current historic districts

Dear Ms. Terrien:

I understand our state legislature is debating / amending / considering legislation that will considerably change and weaken our current historic districts. I have been following the progress on this bill.

Please know, I have not personally written any current HD applications or charters, but I am VERY MUCH in support of them staying AS IS. I have extensive contact with city planners, architects, city officials, and the local history experts in my home city, and in my state, and I well aware of how much effort and outreach goes into preparing HD applications and convincing local communities to support them. For the legislature to chip away at these grassroots efforts in what appears to be a bid to make things easier for those who wish to liquidate / extract every possible cent of financial value from all or part of these areas is a slap in the face to those of us who are forced to work to build community, and preserve the non-financial aspects of our shared heritage. I consider the proposed changes an attempt to discount organized people (and VOTERS) in favor of organized money.

Please feel free to share this email with the members of the legislative committee. I wish them to know that they are NOT representing me or the many, many others who refuse to treat human values as human history as economic ciphers alone!

All good wishes,  
Karen Wight

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